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8th Annual Duck Drop - Quacktacular!

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On Sunday, May 6th, my office hosted the **8th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop**, a community event to raise money for our local Denver Public Elementary Schools: Bradley, Holm, Samuels, Slavens, and Southmoor.

We are excited to say that this year's fundraiser was a great success! With the help of the schools, parents, Fire Station #22, community members and local businesses, we were able to raise over **\$20,000** for the schools! In addition, there were over **\$10,000** in prizes donated by our amazing local businesses. I would like to thank all the wonderful businesses who made this year's event possible through their sponsorships and donations. Please help us thank these businesses through your patronage. We would also like to thank the Denver Foundation for their continued support by serving as our fiscal agent for the past 8 years.

Platinum Sponsors:

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Xcel Energy
Denver South Economic Partnership
Goldsmith Metropolitan District
Denver Museum of Nature and Science
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Winter Park Resort
Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bronze Sponsors:

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National Western Stock Show
Comedy Works
Red Lion Inn Denver Southeast



Denver Steps up Enforcement of Leash Law

Denver's Animal Care & Control, Parks and Recreation, and Denver Police are teaming up to help ensure the safety of people and pets in city parks this summer. As part of this effort, the city will increase park patrols and enforcement of dog off-leash violations beginning June 1.

Attacks, by off-leash dogs, have been an on-going issue in many of our parks for years. The city has put a lot of effort into increasing the number of dog parks, and encourages people to use them.

"At this time of year when we see more and more people taking advantage of Denver's great park spaces, our responsibility to keep the parks safe for all citizens by enforcing these leash laws is something we take very seriously," said Lauri Dannemiller, Manager of Denver Parks.

As part of the stepped up enforcement, residents are encouraged to report specific problem areas to animalcomments@denvergov.org, or by calling 3-1-1.

Denver city ordinance requires dogs to be on a leash and under control of their owner at all times. The city's leash laws are intended to protect the health and safety of both the people and pets that enjoy visiting Denver's many parks and open areas.

The fine for having an off-leash dog is \$80 for the first offense, \$150 for the second and \$300 for the third.

For more information about Denver's leash law, visit www.denveranimalshelter.org. In order to accommodate those who like to let their dog's off leash, the city now has ten dog parks for dog owners to safely and legally enjoy: The two closest to District 4 are:

- **Kennedy Dog Park** - Hampden and South Dayton
- **Lowry Dog Park** - East 4th Place and South Yosemite Way



Hunger Free Colorado



The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federal nutrition program designed to ensure that low-income children have access to nutritious food when school is out. Federal reimbursement is provided to schools, local governments, and private non-profit community based organizations that serve free meals and/or snacks to children aged 18 and younger throughout the summer. For a list of summer food sites, please visit www.summerfoodcolorado.org and zoom in on the map to your area.

Please help raise awareness of this wonderful program by promoting www.summerfoodcolorado.org in your neighborhood newsletters.

You can help by posting yard signs, handing out materials promoting the sites or passing out lunch at a site. For more information or to help, contact Brad Revare at Bradley.Revare@gmail.com

Annual Community Yard Sales

Cherry Creek Meadows

Saturday, June 9th 8am - 5pm

Rain Date, Saturday June 16th 8am– 5pm

South Yosemite Street & East Amherst Drive



Whispering Pines

Saturday, June 16th 8am - 4pm

Along East Princeton Street between Eastmoor and Rosamond Park

9-1-1 and Your Cell Phone

Cell phones can be an important safety communication tool. They also create a unique set of challenges for emergency response personnel and wireless service providers. Since cell phones are mobile, they are not assigned a fixed location or address like a landline. While most of the nation's 9-1-1 centers use technology that allows the dispatcher to see the caller's cell phone number and the location of the cell tower that picks up the call, the location is only a general indication of where the emergency is. **An exact address or location is necessary for first responders to deliver assistance quickly.**

The address of the tower operated by the wireless carrier may yield a location as far as 300 meters from the caller which isn't much help in a high-rise apartment or a densely populated urban area.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) makes the following recommendations for placing a 9-1-1 call with a cell phone:

- Tell the emergency operator the location of the emergency right away.
- Provide the emergency operator with your wireless phone number, so if the call gets disconnected, the emergency operator can call you back.
- If your wireless phone is not "initialized" (meaning you do not have a contract for service with a wireless service provider), and your emergency call gets disconnected, you must call the emergency operator back because the operator does not have your telephone number.
- Refrain from programming your phone to automatically dial 911 when one button, such as the "9" key, is pressed. Unintentional wireless 911 calls, can occur when auto-dial keys are inadvertently pressed and cause problems for emergency call centers which can create a delay for citizens with a true emergency.
- If your wireless phone came pre-programmed with the auto-dial 911 feature already turned on, turn this feature off. Consult your user manual for instructions.
- Lock your keypad when you're not using your wireless phone to prevent accidental calls to 911.
- Consider creating a contact in your wireless phone's memory with the name "ICE" (in Case of Emergency), which lists the phone numbers of people you want to have notified in an emergency.



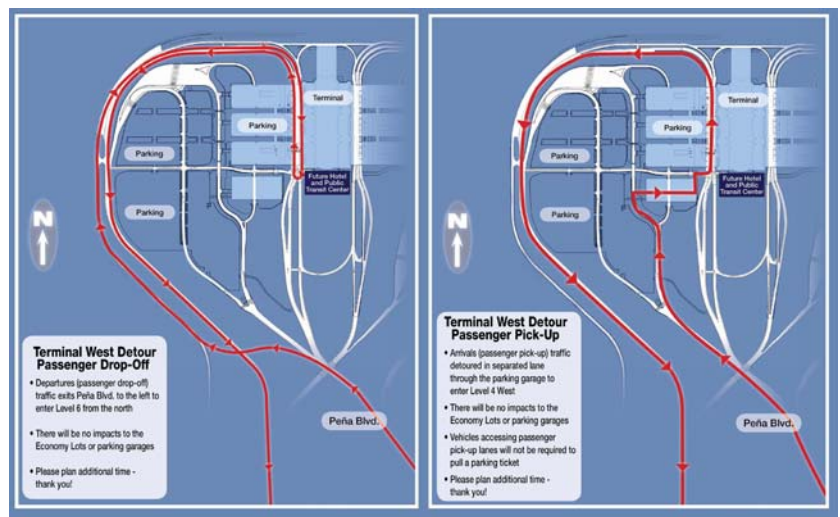
DIA Construction Detours

Starting in June, there will be temporary detours to DIA's passenger pick-up and drop-off - but parking stays the same.

DIA will be reconstructing the south Level 4, 5 and 6 bridges as part of the South Terminal Redevelopment Program. The Program will complete the original vision of DIA, which includes a Westin Hotel and RTD East Rail Line station connecting DIA to downtown Denver.

Please allow extra time and follow the orange detour signs to get where you need to go during construction

For more information, please visit www.flydenver.com.



Enjoy a move in Bible Park on July 25th



Thanks to contributions from several of our neighborhood organizations, Denver Parks and Recreation will be showing the movie, *Dolphin's Tale*, in Bible Park for all our District 4 residents. The movie will be shown at dusk in Bible Park on Wednesday, July 25th. Look for more information in next month's Peggy's Pages.

Rainstorm Tips

Rainstorms in Denver are common throughout the spring and summer months. Water's powerful force can easily overtake vehicles and people.

Safety tips for driving in heavy rain:

- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control or possible stalling.
- One foot of water will float most vehicles-two feet of rushing water can sweep them away
- If you must drive through water, drive slowly and steadily.
- Stay off the telephone unless you must report severe injuries.

Safety tips for walking or cycling on urban trails:

- When rain is falling, it's best not to walk or bike near a river or stream, even on paved urban bike and walking trails; water flow can quickly increase and flooding can occur without notice.
- Move to higher ground and never go into a culvert! If you are on a streamside trail during a rainstorm use the alternate trail up to street level to avoid underpasses and culverts.
- NEVER take shelter in a culvert or in an enclosed space, especially in low elevations by rivers and streams. Always go to higher ground out of the flow of water.
- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can cause a person to fall.
- If lightning is present, do not stand under or near an isolated tree or group of trees.
- Never allow children to play around streams, drainage ditches or viaducts, storm drains or flooded areas.

Localized street flooding:

In some areas that are geographical low-points and underpasses, water might not disappear down the storm inlets instantly - the pace and volume of the rainfall is too quick and too great to immediately drain off. It takes time for the system to accommodate it. If you know that your street tends to flood because it is located in a low point, be sure to move your vehicles to higher ground.

What you can do to help prevent flooding:

- To help prevent flooding in Denver neighborhoods, residents should ensure that gutters are clear of trash or recycling containers, lawn clippings and yard debris.
- Avoid placing trash and recyclables in bags or containers directly on drains and inlets.
- When heavy rain is forecast, place trash and recycling at the end of your driveway *close to, but not in*, the street to keep the gutter flow line clear and to avoid spillage.
- Flooding can also be prevented by cleaning up litter, branches or any other loose items that could potentially interfere with storm water drainage on the street.
- Do not rake leaves, grass clippings or yard debris into the street, put them down an inlet or throw them into a gulch/stream.

Your Vote Can Help Our Parks Win Big!



This summer, one of our parks could be named “America’s Favorite Park” and win a \$100,000 recreation grant from the Coca-Cola *America Is Your Park* campaign.

Voting is easy! Use your home computer or smartphone to vote at LivePositively.com/parks. Click on the “Vote” tab and type in your favorite park name. Vote as many times as you can through July 15th.

Air Care Colorado - RapidScreen Emissions Testing

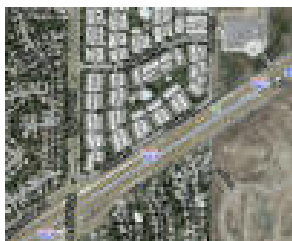
An alternative to standard emissions testing, RapidScreen gives you the opportunity to have your vehicle’s emissions screened as you drive, rather than having to visit an emissions testing facility. If you record two clean RapidScreen readings within a ten-month window in the year prior to your registration renewal, you’ll receive a notification in the mail on your vehicle’s registration renewal card. If you choose to accept RapidScreen’s clean readings, simply pay your emissions fee along with your registration renewal fee, and you’re good to go.

RapidScreen testing vans use roadside testing equipment to analyze a vehicle’s exhaust in less than a second. The vehicle passes through speed and acceleration detectors while an image of the license plate is recorded for identification. The vehicle then passes through the infrared and ultraviolet beams of the emissions analyzer. RapidScreen testing vans do not operate during rain, snow, winds or other adverse weather conditions.



For a complete listing of RapidScreen testing van sites, please visit www.aircarecolorado.com/rapidscreen

Cherry Creek Townhome Community Meeting - June 19th



Much work has occurred in the Cherry Creek Townhome neighborhood since the last meeting in March of 2010 and the project team would like to update the community on the final steps to complete the bond improvements.

The project team will be at this meeting to discuss additional sidewalk construction to be coordinated with drainage improvements for Boston Street (by Wastewater Management). Please join us on June 19th at the Second Cherry Creek Clubhouse (9128 E. Mansfield St.) at 7pm.

Ready to Make Music, Denver?

On June 21st, the 16th Street Mall will be alive with the sounds of Make Music Denver. This year Denver joins 450 cities around the world celebrating local live music - on World Music Day's annual summer solstice event.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in the festivities. There will be a wide range of programs planned including performances by local bands, mass instrument gatherings, soloists and "Bring Your Instrument to Work Day".

For more information, please visit www.MakeMusicDenver.com.



Syrup Restaurant opens second restaurant



Syrup Restaurant (3rd & Josephine) has opened a second restaurant in Downtown Denver (18th & Curtis). The Syrup menu has the perfect balance of sweet and savory offerings. Breakfast and lunch are served all day.

For more information, please visit www.syrupdenver.com

Community Forester Workshops

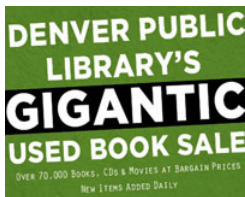
The Community Forester program will give you the knowledge and skills to lead and participate in tree planting and care projects in your neighborhood as well as for The Park People, Denver's Forestry Division and the Mile High Million tree planting initiative.

There are 5 workshops available. The first workshop starts June 30 and is a pre-requisite for other workshops. Space is limited. The registration deadline is June 28th.

For more information or to register, please visit www.theparkpeople.org or call 303-722-6262.



Denver Public Library - Gigantic Used Book Sale



The Denver Public Library's used book sale will be held at the Denver Central Library (North Lawn) on Thursday, June 7th - Saturday, June 9th from 10am - 4pm and Sunday, June 10th from 10am - 1pm. There are over 70,000 books, CDs, DVDs and audio books available with prices as low as \$1. New items are added daily.

For more information, please visit www.denverlibrary.org or call 720-865-2054

Public Works is currently testing parking meter "sensors"

The meter sensor is a device designed to allow the city to gather information about parking patterns, trends, and needs. A total of 500 sensors are being placed at meters in the Central Business District, LoDo, Golden Triangle, and Cherry Creek areas to capture a sampling of parking patterns. The information will help the city assess their capabilities and better plan for Denver's parking needs and customize on-street parking.

The sensors are now in the process of being installed and their functionality tested as part of a pilot project. The pilot will last for 90 days (ending in mid-August) and during this time, Public Works will gather data to determine if the sensors could be valuable on a Citywide basis. During this time, these meters will zero out when a vehicle pulls out of a space. "Feeding the Meter" to extend your stay beyond the posted time limit may result in an overtime citation.

After the pilot period, the meters will go back to functioning as they always have. However, feeding the meters after the time runs out on a meter is still not legal. You must move your car to a different location.



Kennedy Dog Park

Kennedy Dog Park has some new additions. Boulders have been strategically placed to help with soil erosion caused by wind and rain in the dog park. The boulders will help keep the soil off the new side-walks and in the dog park area.



June Primary Elections to be conducted by mail

The June 26, 2012 Primary Election will be an all mail ballot election. Ballots will be mailed to voters the week of June 4th, and voters will have the option of mailing their ballots back or dropping them off at a Voter Service Center.

In order to vote in the June 26th Primary Election, you must be affiliated with a party that has candidates on the Primary Ballot. If you are unaffiliated, you may affiliate at www.GoVoteColorado.com up to or on Election Day. If you affiliate prior to June 19th, a ballot will be mailed to you. After that date, you must pick up a ballot at a Voter Service Center.

For more information, please visit www.DenverVotes.org



Denver's Curfew Ordinance

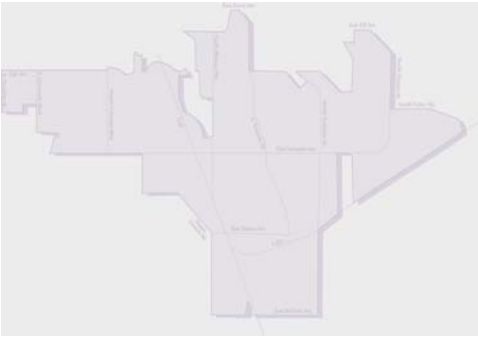


Denver's Curfew Ordinance prohibits youth from being in a public place or on public property from 11pm to 5am, Sunday through Thursday, and midnight to 5am, Friday and Saturday, unless:

- The minor is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian (an adult friend does not qualify as a legal guardian)
- The minor is accompanied by an adult (18 or older) and that adult is in possession of written permission from the parent or legal guardian
- The minor is in a motor vehicle being used in INTERSTATE travel
- The minor is working, traveling to work, or returning from work WITHOUT any detour stop

For more information, please call the Denver Police Department non-emergency phone number 720-913-2000.

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June Calendar of Events

District 3 DPD CAB Meeting

June 7th 6pm 1625 S. University Blvd 720-913-2677

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

June 2nd 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway 720-865-5000 www.denverartmuseum.org

Denver Museum of Nature and Science FREE DAY

June 17th 2001 Colorado Blvd 303-370-6000 www.dmns.org

Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Every Tuesday at 10am, DCPA will release a limited number of \$10 tickets. Ten seats for every DCPA performance in the coming week will qualify. For more information, please visit www.denvercenter.org/scfd use code SCFD.

Find out what's happening throughout the Denver Metro Area for theater, arts, culture, sports and special events! Visit www.Denver365.com the online comprehensive event calendar or www.thescen3.org for SCFD Tier III events.



District 3 Denver Police Station



Denver Art Museum